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Prepare Livestock for Possible River Flooding

Baton Rouge, LA (December 29, 2015) – High river levels are causing concern for state officials. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry (LDAF) is reminding livestock owners to be ready in the event of flooding that may occur mid to late January.

“Out of an abundance of caution, I’m alerting our livestock owners to be aware of the potential for flooding along the Mississippi River and Red River Valley. Pay attention to local forecasts and advisories,” said Agriculture and Forestry Commissioner Mike Strain, D.V.M. “It’s also a good idea to double check the condition of livestock trailers and other equipment used to move large animals out of harm’s way.”

When evacuations are recommended, owners of large animals should leave as early as possible to avoid road closures.

Tips on preparing livestock trailers:

- Check tire pressure and rubber for wear
- Test brake and running lights
- Inspect the overall condition of the trailer

Important items to take:

- Health records (especially proof of EIA testing for horses)
- Food and water
- Special medications
- Bridles or leads

Proper identification for livestock is crucial in the event of comingling.

Livestock owners who need assistance should call their local Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP).

For more information on emergency preparation for livestock, go to www.LDAF.la.gov
or www.getagameplan.org.

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